

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): A content delivery apparatus comprising:

a transmission section that transmits, to a client terminal, a list of titles of a plurality of composite content;

a delivery request reception section that receives, from the client terminal, a request for delivery of one composite content selected via the client terminal from said list of titles;

a storage section that stores a plurality of first content material and at least one second content materials of a first format and a plurality of second content materials;

a first content material extraction section that, in response to the request for delivery, extracts a first content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of first content materials stored in said storage section;

a second content material extraction section that, in response to the request for delivery, extracts a second content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of second content materials stored in said storage section;

a client terminal identification section that determines a type of said client terminal to which content is to be delivered;

a first content creation section that, on the basis of a determination, by said client terminal identification section, that said client terminal to which content is to be delivered is of a type capable of using said first content material of said first format, creates single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes said first content material of said first format and said second content material;

a second content creation section that, on the basis of a determination, by said client terminal identification section, that said client terminal to which content is to be delivered is of a type incapable of using said first content material of said first format, converts said first content material of said first format into a first content material of a second format capable of being used by said client terminal and then creates single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes the converted first content material of said second format and said second content material; and

a content delivery section that delivers, to said client terminal, the composite content created by said first content creation section or said second content creation section.

Claim 2 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said first content material is musical score data, and said second content material is music piece data.

Claim 3 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the musical score data and the music piece data correspond to each other in musical contents.

Claim 4 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said storage section stores a plurality of the first content materials and a plurality of the second content materials, and wherein at least one first content material and at least one second content material to be delivered to said client terminal are read out from said storage section in response to a request made by said client terminal.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A storage medium encoded with a content delivery program for causing a computer of a content delivery apparatus, including a storage section storing a plurality of first content materials of a first format and a plurality of second materials to be delivered to a client terminal, to perform:

a step of transmitting, to a client terminal, a list of titles of a plurality of composite content;

a step of receiving, from the client terminal, a request for delivery of one composite content selected via the client terminal from said list of titles;

a step of, in response to the request for delivery, extracting a first content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of first content materials stored in said storage section;

a step of, in response to the request for delivery, extracting a second content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of second content materials stored in said storage section;

an identification step of determining a type of said client terminal to which content is to be delivered;

a first content creation step of, on the basis of a determination, by said identification step, that said client terminal to which content is to be delivered is of a type capable of using said first content material of said first format, creating single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes said first content material of said first format and said second content material;

a second content creation step of, on the basis of a determination, by said identification step, that said client terminal to which content is to be delivered is of a type incapable of using said first content material of said first format, converting said first content material of said first format into a first content material of a second format capable of being used by said client terminal and then creating single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes the converted first content material of said second format and said second content material; and

a content delivery step of delivering, to said client terminal, the composite content created by said first content creation step or said second content creation step.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A content delivery apparatus comprising:

a transmission section that transmits, to a client terminal, a list of titles of a plurality of composite content;

a delivery request reception section that receives, from the client terminal, a request for delivery of one composite content selected via the client terminal from said list of titles;

a storage section that stores a plurality of first content materials of a first format and a plurality of second content materials to be delivered to a client terminal;

a first content material extraction section that, in response to the request for delivery, extracts a first content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of first content materials stored in said storage section;

a second content material extraction section that, in response to the request for delivery, extracts a second content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of second content materials stored in said storage section;

a client terminal identification section that determines a type of said client terminal to which content is to be delivered;

a content creation section that, on the basis of a determination by said client terminal identification section about the type of said client terminal, converts said first content material of said first format into a first content material of a second format capable of being used by said client terminal and then creates single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes the converted first content material of said second format and said second content material; and

a content delivery section that delivers, to said client terminal, the composite content created by said content creation section.

Claim 7 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said first content material is musical score data, and said second content material is music piece data.

Claim 8 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the musical score data and the music piece data correspond to each other in musical contents.

Claim 9 (original): A content delivery apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said storage section stores a plurality of the first content materials and a plurality of the second content materials, and wherein at least one first content material and at least one second content material to be delivered to said client terminal are read out from said storage section in response to a request made by said client terminal.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A storage medium encoded with a content delivery program for causing a computer of a content delivery apparatus, including a storage section storing a plurality of first content materials of a first format and a plurality of second content materials, to perform:

- a step of transmitting, to a client terminal, a list of titles of a plurality of composite content;

- a step of receiving, from the client terminal, a request for delivery of one composite content selected via the client terminal from said list of titles;

- a step of, in response to the request for delivery, extracting a first content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of first content materials stored in said storage section;

- a step of, in response to the request for delivery, extracting a second content material to be contained in the requested one composite content from among the plurality of second content materials stored in said storage section;

- an identification step of determining a type of said client terminal to which content is to be delivered;

- a content creation step of, on the basis of a determination by said identification step about the type of said client terminal, converting said first content material of said first format into a first content material of a second format capable of being used by said client terminal and then creating single composite content to be delivered to said client terminal which includes the converted first content material of said second format and said second content material; and

- a delivery step of delivering, to said client terminal, the composite content created by said content creation step.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The content delivery apparatus of claim 1, wherein the single composite content created by the first content creation section or the second content creation section is encrypted.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The storage medium of claim 5, wherein the single composite content created by the first content creation step or the second content creation step is encrypted.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The content delivery apparatus of claim 6, wherein the single composite content created by the content creation section is encrypted.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The storage medium of claim 10, wherein the single composite content created by the content creation step is encrypted.